Exhibit 7



Refer to:

S9H: SSA-2017-001087

February 8, 2018

Mr. Christopher Keough Robert S. Strauss Building 1333 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20036 ckeough@akingump.com

Dear Mr. Keough:

I am providing you with the fee notice applicable to your request for the Supplemental Security Income Displays (SSID) for the 433 deceased individuals identified in your initial Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (AR9240), as well as instructions for further processing.

Fees

Per our December 4, 2017 letter, Section 1106(c) of the Social Security Act authorizes us to collect the full cost to provide information for a purpose not directly related to the administration of Social Security programs. 42 U.S.C. § 1306(c); 20 C.F.R. § 402.175. Accordingly, we will charge the full costs to provide you the requested information.

We estimate that the cost of this information is \$7,474.50, which includes 9.5 hours of search time at \$33.00 an hour and 217 hours of review time at \$33.00 an hour. Please note that we will review any information we locate for release under the FOIA.

If you want us to proceed with your request, **you must let us know**. You may also narrow the scope of your request or set a limit on the amount you are willing to spend. You may pay by check or money order made payable to the Social Security Administration (SSA) or by credit card (MasterCard, Visa, Discover, American Express, or Diner's Club). To pay by credit card, complete and sign the enclosed form. Be sure to include your credit card number and expiration date.

You may submit payment information by email to <u>FOIA.Public.Liaison@ssa.gov</u> or by mail to my attention at 617 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235. Please annotate the above reference number on your payment. If we do not receive payment within <u>ten business days</u> from the date of this letter, we will administratively close your request. You will not receive a separate notification that we closed your request.

Next Steps

When you provide the fee payment, we also ask that you submit an excel sheet with each of the 433 alleged deceased individual's Social Security numbers (SSN). The list you provided with your initial request contains a few partial SSNs. If a complete SSN is not provided, we will not be able to search for that individual.

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Once we have searched for each individual, we will notify you of those individuals for which we require proof of death. Per our December 4, 2017 letter, when a state death report is SSA's sole source of a decedent's death, we cannot disclose information about the decedent. Thus, if the only report of death in our records is from a state, we will require proof of death before disclosing an SSID about the alleged decedent.

If you have questions, or would like further assistance with your request, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison by email at <u>FOIA.Public.Liaison@ssa.gov</u>; by phone at 410-965-1727, by choosing Option 2; or facsimile at 410-966-0869.

Thank you for your request.

Sincerely,

Monica Chyn

Acting Freedom of Information Officer

Enclosure